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25X1 15. [ ] Received another call from Mr. Wymberley Coerr, INR, State Department, about an Agency position on S. 2224 and S. 1887. I told Coerr that we were still in the process of developing a position and I had no idea at this point as to what decision the Administration would make as to who should be the spokesman for the Executive Branch on these bills. Coerr seemed reluctant to develop a State position until the Agency provided guidance. I urged that, in view of the complexity of this situation, he develop a State position on the legislation and then we would get together. I also suggested that he discuss the matter with Mr. Harrison Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, State Department, with whom we have had general conversations about a number of pending bills.

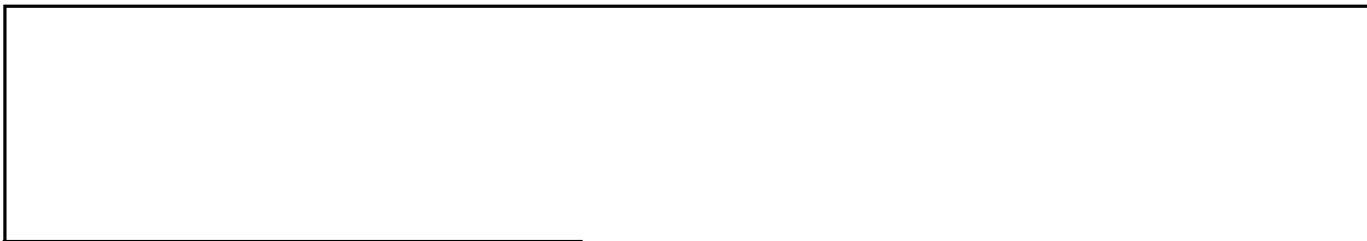
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I talked with Mr. Eugene Krizek, and subsequently with Mr. Harrison Symmes, of the State Department, about information on congressional travel. (I was specifically interested in anything State had on the upcoming travel of Senator Dole.) Krizek and Symmes advised me of their strict policy against providing documentation on congressional travel outside the State Department because of the sensitivities of certain Members, but Symmes offered to set up a reading file in the office of the Executive Secretary, Walter Weiss, which someone from our office was welcomed to come over and read on a periodic basis. I told Symmes this would be very helpful.

Mr. Symmes advised me that John Marks, in the office of Senator Clifford Case (R., N.J.), has advised State Department of his intention to travel to Southeast Asia during the summer congressional recess and has indicated an interest in talking with Agency representatives while there. Symmes was interested in our reaction to this. I told him my own feeling was that we would provide such information as the Ambassador wished us to by way of background briefing as a member of the country team, but that we would not provide special Agency briefings nor would we brief Marks on Agency operations in the area. I made clear, however, that this was not an Agency reaction and that the matter would have to be taken up with the Director before I could respond officially.

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9. [ ] I attended a meeting in the White House in Bud Krogh's office regarding a response to the request from Senators Muskie and Ribicoff for the Director and other Administration officials to testify on Southeast Asian officials implicated in the drug traffic. It was agreed that an Administration witness would agree to appear but not to reveal raw and unconfirmed intelligence on the subject and that, since the problem was of primary concern to the State Department, a Department officer, probably Marshall Green, should be the Administration's spokesman. See White House Memorandum for the Record.

Following the meeting, John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's staff, approved a draft response for the Director to send Senators Muskie and Ribicoff, indicating that the Agency was supporting responsible Government departments on this problem and they would be communicating with the Senators separately.

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5. [redacted] Mr. Egil (Bud) Krogh, of the White House staff, returned my call of yesterday regarding the still outstanding request of Senators Muskie and Ribicoff for the appearance of the Director, along with Secretaries Rogers and Laird and Attorney General Mitchell, to testify on the complicity of prominent Southeast Asian officials in the drug traffic. Krogh said Muskie had just "torn us to shreds" for failure to reply earlier. I told Krogh that we had been concerned over the delay in replying to the request (of 7 July) and told him of a draft response we proposed to send at once. He asked that we defer this until we could have an interdepartmental meeting to decide who should respond for the Administration and what line they should take.

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[redacted] After discussing the above with the Director,  
[redacted] I called Mr. Liddy to say that we felt it important that a  
State Department representative be present since the matter of identifying  
by name prominent Southeast Asian leaders was one which should primarily  
be of State Department concern. He thanked me for the call and said he would  
consider it. 25X1

8. [redacted] Bill Burke, in the district office of Representative Robert A. Roe, called to say a constituent of Mr. Roe's, Anthony Iuvone, was missing on a vessel, "The Elizabeth" belonging to the Iuvone family which had disappeared without a trace last April en route from Ft. Lauderdale to La Guaira, Venezuela. Burke said the vessel was a 12,000 ton LSM flying the Panamanian flag, with a crew consisting of Venezuelans, Cubans and Colombians, and had been due in La Guaira on 10 April. Although the Coast Guard, Interpol and State Department have investigated without results, Iuvone's brother Benjamin suspects the vessel may still be afloat in the Caribbean, possibly in a Cuban port. He said the Congressman would appreciate any information the Agency might be able to develop on the subject.

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